

Translator's Note

Gaokao (高考) is the higher education entrance examination of China. It is taken simultaneously by high school students in their last (i.e. third) year and its score will determine what kind of university program a student can be admitted in. Because of Gaokao's influential power over their future, students face enormous pressure from their parents, teachers, and society in general to do well in this examination. Now that you know a bit more about the Chinese education system, on with the chapter.

The once a year D-day is
about to raise its curtain!



The warring soldiers all went through at least three years of training from hell. They were born to fight and specifically drilled for combat.



Brain filled
with knowledge

Frown lines

Sharp eyes

Specs that can be
used as bulletproof
glass

Anything below the
head is very fragile;
Please handle with
utmost care.
Any damage and I'll
sue you to DEATH

This year, the authorities decided to put the safety of these brave soldiers at the forefront of government work.

Maximal combat readiness!
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All members of society must, at any cost, ensure that our soldiers are not disturbed and fight at ease!



This is not a drill! I repeat,
this is not a drill!

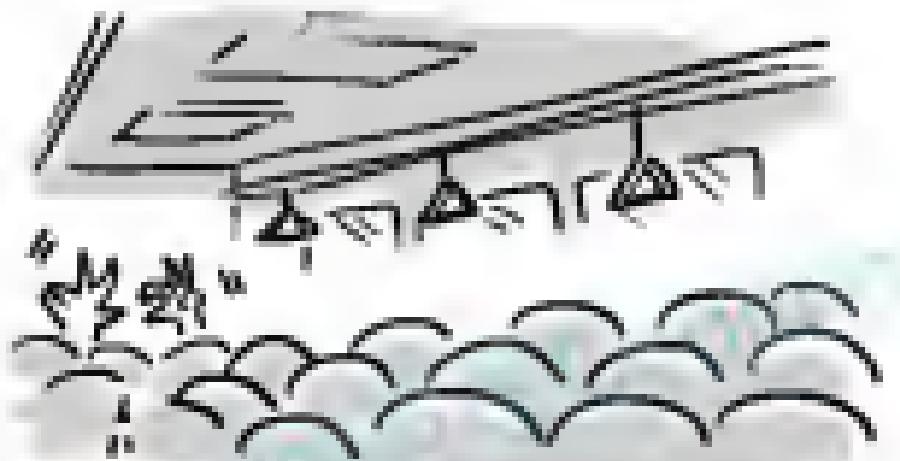


To start with, any source of noise that might divert the soldiers' attention must be eliminated.

From this day on, buses will no longer announce stops via radio broadcast! Instead, they will switch to sign language!



Morning
rush hour

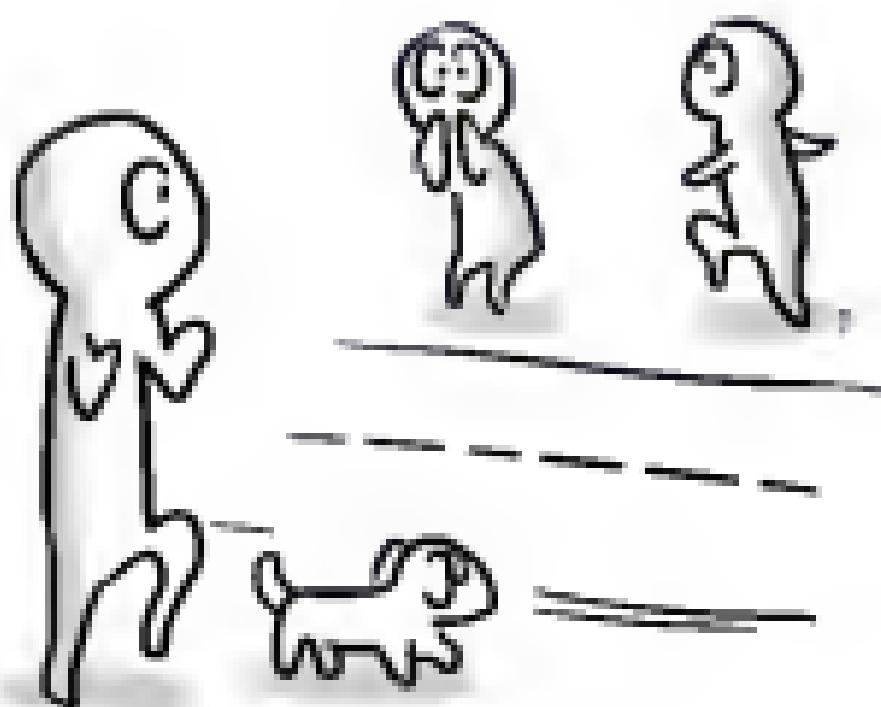


Next stop:
Guozan

All airplanes are banned from flight! Driving private vehicles is now prohibited! Pedestrians must not emit noise above 10 decibels on the streets!



Silence...



Come with us,
little guy (hand
gestures)



Aiyah, I feel that air pollution will also hinder my sweet baby's performance~

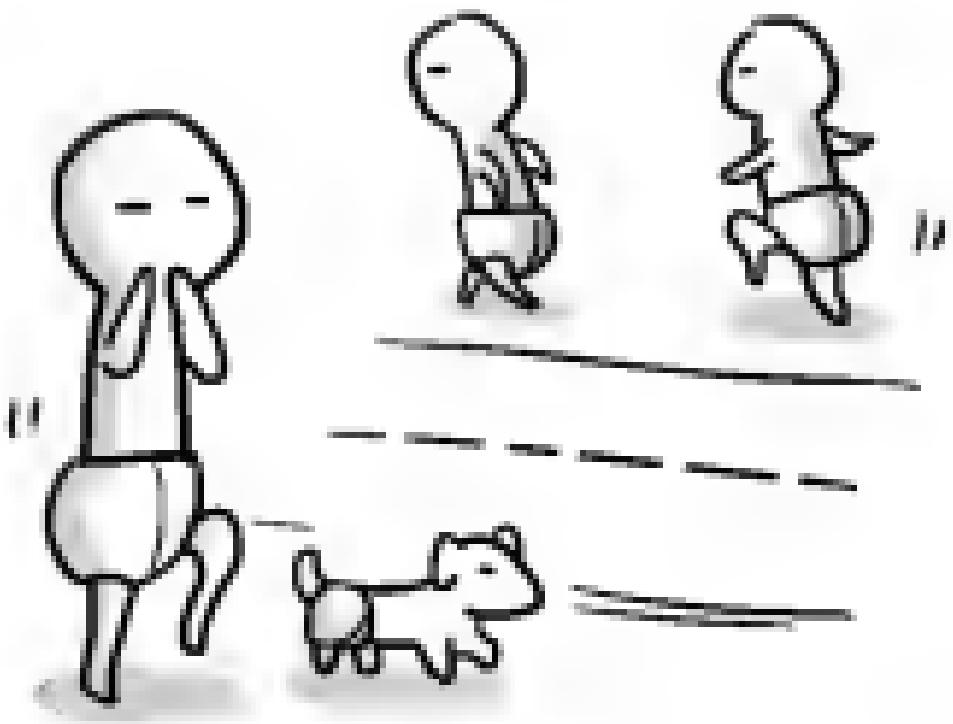
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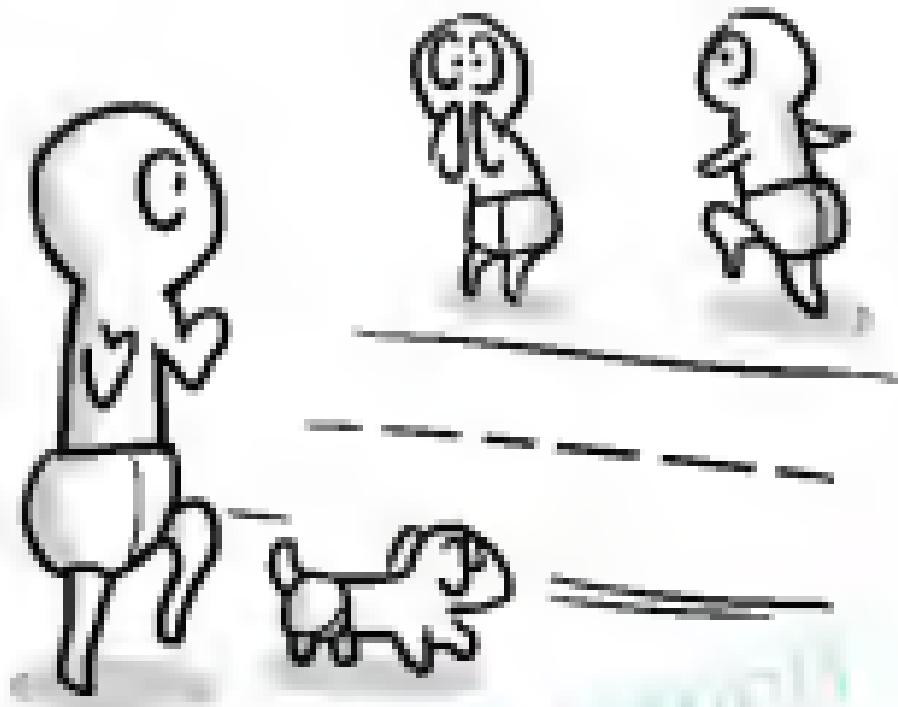


All factories must shut down! No more exhaust emissions allowed!
Everyone must wear underwears containing activated charcoal!



TN activated charcoal is a powerful air filter, as air pollutants can easily "stick" and remain trapped onto its surface





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Meanwhile, people from all parts of the community are also wholeheartedly supporting the young warriors and contributing their part to a successful expedition.



Great Master, it
seems that all these
people picked a most
favourable stick.



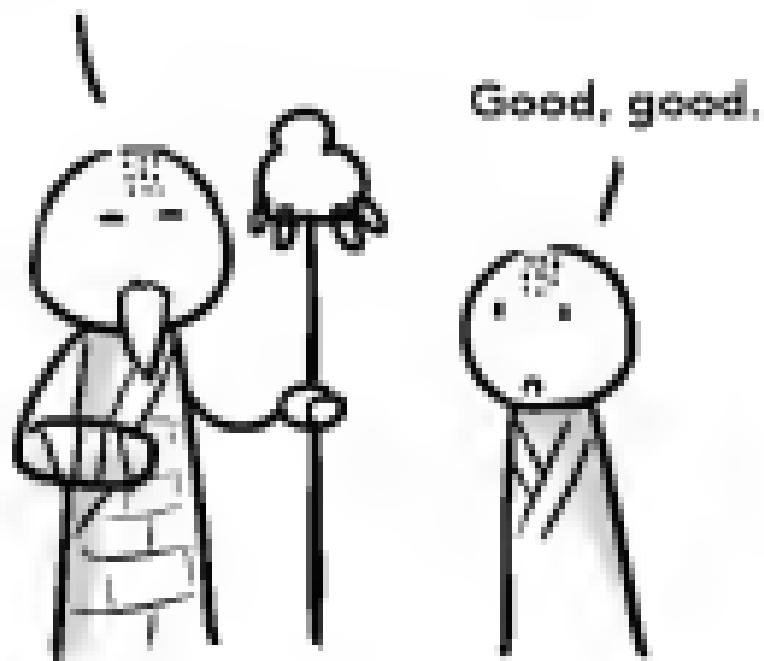
The reason is very
simple. I, your teacher,
only put favourable
sticks in the bucket.



Yesterday, the bucket contained the ordinary set of sticks, and your teacher ended up beaten half to death by the parents who drew the most unfavourable sticks.



Anyway, no more small talk, your teacher must go consecrate the 2B pencil used for the examinations.



Residential
area



Is it really useful to lay
this many air cushions
underneath the buildings?



Ah, you have no idea.
Those children are so
fragile, you never know
when one will drop
from the upper floors.



This is a battle for every single one of us! This is the fight of the Chinese nation! Whomever objects is opposing the national cause!



But I really think those kids aren't that freeeeeee!

Burn! Burn! Burn!



Finally, the D-day has arrived.
The young soldiers were equipped
with the best protective suit to
ensure that every inch of their skin
was gently and carefully protected.

Earphones directly connected to the inner ear ensuring a clear sound without any noise during the English listening exam

Face shield that protects against infrared, UV, and other cosmic rays to effectively withstand light pollution



Gas mask that filters any gas other than oxygen

Self-generating electric thermoelectric system maintained at 27°C year-round, even astronauts like to wear it

Integrated prop-in alien alloy, to support your arm tired from writing

Built-in large toilet, automatically deodorizes, maximum capacity of 3L

Self-guiding self-moving shoes, lets you safely reach the exam site without you having to step

The whole body is also furnished with a cardiogram, a blood pressure monitor, X-ray, CT, temperature sensor, infrared detector, etc. Parents can monitor in real time whether their child's heart-beat has halted.

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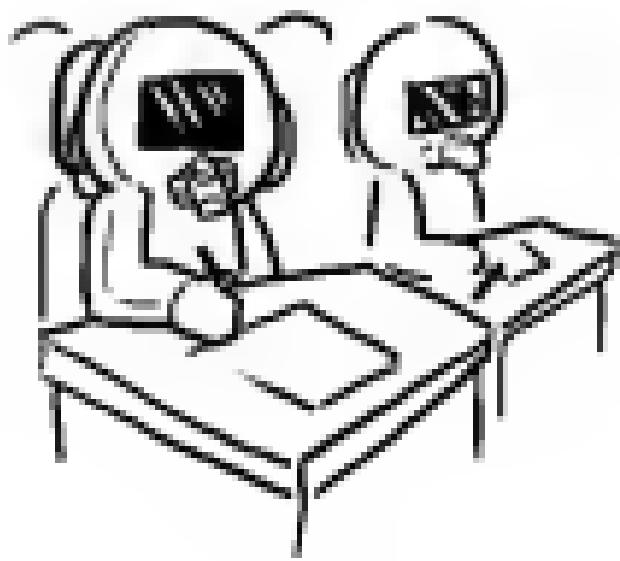


We have already
fulfilled any duty
that we could!
All in the name of
YOUR own good!

Now, start
answering
the ques-
tions!

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The suit's too
thick, I can't
hold the pencil.



END

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